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# H. R. 4152

To authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for domestic court advocacy programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 1994

Mr. OLVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION. 1. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.**

4       The Attorney General is authorized to make 10 dem-  
5       onstration grants to eligible entities to provide for not less  
6       than 1 specialized domestic violence court advocate in  
7       every court where a significant number of protective  
8       orders are granted.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
3 under this Act, a duly authorized representative of an eli-  
4 gible entity shall submit an application to the Attorney  
5 General in such form and containing such information as  
6 the Attorney General may reasonably require.

7 (b) ASSURANCES.—Each application shall contain an  
8 assurance that Federal funds received under this Act shall  
9 be used to supplement, not supplant, non-Federal funds  
10 that would otherwise be available under this Act.

11 (c) REQUIRED PLAN.—Each application shall include  
12 a plan that contains—

13 (1) a description of the demonstration project  
14 to be developed;

15 (2) a description of how funds would be spent;

16 (3) a statement of staff qualifications and dem-  
17 onstrated expertise in the field of court advocacy for  
18 domestic violence victims; and

19 (4) a statement regarding the ability to serve  
20 community needs and language minority populations  
21 in providing ethnically, culturally, and linguistically  
22 appropriate programs where necessary.

23 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

24 (a) GRANTEE REPORT.—Upon completion of the  
25 grant period under this Act, each grantee shall file a per-  
26 formance report with the Attorney General explaining the

1 activities carried out together with an assessment of the  
2 effectiveness of such activities in achieving the purposes  
3 of this Act. The Attorney General shall suspend funding  
4 for an approved application if an applicant fails to submit  
5 an annual performance report.

6 (b) ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than  
7 180 days after the end of each fiscal year for which grants  
8 are made under this Act, the Attorney General shall sub-  
9 mit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a re-  
10 port that includes, for each grantee—

11 (1) the amount of grants made under this Act;

12 (2) a summary of the purposes for which grants  
13 were provided and an evaluation of progress; and

14 (3) an evaluation of the effectiveness of pro-  
15 grams established with funds under this Act.

16 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

17 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act—

18 (1) the term “eligible entity” means a State  
19 Attorney General’s office;

20 (2) the term “specialized domestic violence  
21 court advocate” means an individual trained to as-  
22 sist victims of domestic violence with the court sys-  
23 tem, help with safety planning, and make referrals  
24 to various support services; and

1           (3) the term “State” means the States and the  
2       District of Columbia.

3       (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4       are authorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal  
5       years 1995 through 1999, such sums as may be necessary  
6       to carry out this Act.

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